
**TARGET
POPULATION**

People and/or families who self-declare as having Indian ancestry and have developed or are at risk for the development of social, educational, and economic problems, particularly but not limited to:

- Children.
- Families.
- Elders.
- Low income individuals.
- Disabled persons.

may be referred directly to the Indian outreach worker (IOW) by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) staff, other community human service agencies, schools, the professional staff of the Indian community, self referral, etc., with a verbal or DHS-382, Indian Outreach Services Referral.

Special Situations

The local MDHHS staff will determine whether there will be IOW involvement and/or Indian outreach services (IOS) provided in any special situation. Examples include, but are not limited to:

- Providing IOS to a non-Indian client (For example: only one member of the household is Indian, death or divorce and spouse was non-Indian, etc.).
- Providing IOS in a county other than the county where the IOW is stationed.
- IOW covering a non-IOW county.
- The person is known to the IOW.

Special situations must be approved by the supervisor using a DHS-382.

LEGAL BASIS

Indian Child Welfare Act, 25 USC 1901 et seq.

Social Security Act, 42 USC 670 et seq.

Social Welfare Act, 1939 PA 280, as amended, MCL 400.1 et seq.

Michigan Indian Family Preservation Act, MCL 712B. 1 - 41.

State of Michigan Annual Appropriations Act.